

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1        1.    A straight baton comprising:  
2        a cap which releasably receives a light device with a light  
3 element;  
4        multiple shaft sections including at least first, second,  
5 and third shaft sections; and  
6        a striking end.

1        2.    The straight baton according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 first, second, and third shaft sections are cylindrically shaped,  
3 and each shaft section has predetermined inner and outer  
4 diameters, a predetermined length, and opposing ends.

1        3.    The straight baton according to claim 2, wherein the  
2 inner diameter of the first shaft section is larger than the  
3 outer diameter of the second shaft section, and the inner  
4 diameter of the second shaft section is larger than the outer  
5 diameter of the third shaft section, the first shaft section  
6 being configured to enable the second shaft section to releasably  
7 retract into or extend out of the first shaft section, and the  
8 second shaft section being configured to enable the third shaft  
9 section to releasably retract into or extend out of the second  
10 shaft section.

1        4. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the cap  
2 includes a bulbous/mushroom shaped head which releasably receives  
3 the light device and the light element.

1        5. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein the cap  
2 has a threaded end for removably attaching the cap to a threaded  
3 end of the first shaft section, and the cap is configured for  
4 releasably receiving a battery power source to power the light  
5 element.

1        6. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein the  
2 head of the cap has a predetermined circular outer diameter that  
3 is larger than the predetermined outer diameter of the first  
4 shaft section of the baton to enable a user to maintain better  
5 retention of the baton if the baton is grabbed by a subject and  
6 pulled away from the user, and to aid the user in rapidly  
7 retrieving the baton when the baton is dropped.

1        7. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein a  
2 portion of the head is transparent to allow the light element to  
3 emit light through the transparent portion of the head.

1        8. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the  
2 first shaft section of the baton includes two ends, an aperture  
3 defined in a side of the first shaft section proximate one of the  
4 ends that is configured for releasably receiving a threaded end  
5 of the cap.

1        9. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the  
2 second shaft section of the baton includes two ends, an aperture  
3 defined in a side of the second shaft section proximate one of  
4 the ends, and a spring plunger mechanism configured to lock the  
5 second shaft section into an extended position via the aperture  
6 of the first shaft section when the second shaft section extends  
7 from the first shaft section.

1        10. The straight baton according to claim 9, further  
2 comprising split rings or O-rings to form a shock absorber stop  
3 mechanism for the baton when the baton is opened with force.

1        11. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the  
2 third shaft section of the baton includes two ends and a spring  
3 mechanism plunger mechanism configured to lock the third shaft  
4 section into an extended position via an aperture of the second  
5 shaft section when the third shaft section extends from the  
6 second shaft section.

1        12. The straight baton according to claim 11, wherein one  
2 of the ends is threaded to releasably receive a threaded end of  
3 the striking end.

1        13. The straight baton according to claim 11, further  
2 comprising split rings or O-rings to form a shock absorber stop  
3 mechanism for the baton when the baton is opened with force.

1        14. The straight baton according to claim 1, wherein the  
2 striking end of the baton is made of metal and is configured  
3 without arcuate edges to prevent cutting/ripping of flesh, and  
4 includes a threaded end configured for releasably engaging with a  
5 threaded end of the third shaft section.

1        15. The straight baton according to claim 1, in combination  
2 with a side handle configured for being attached to a side of the  
3 straight baton, the side handle including a gripping portion and  
4 a stepped top with a canopy cover.

1        16. The straight baton according to claim 15, further  
2 comprising a spray canister and a connection device contained  
3 within the side handle, the spray canister being configured to  
4 carry a chemical eye irritant, and the connection device being  
5 configured to interconnect the side handle with the straight  
6 baton.

1        17.    The straight baton according to claim 16, further  
2 comprising a spray actuator attached to a top of the spray  
3 canister, the spray actuator including a base portion with an  
4 inner diameter form fitted for compressively receiving the top of  
5 the spray canister, and including an L-shaped channel contained  
6 within the gripping portion of the side handle.

1        18.    The straight baton according to claim 17, wherein the  
2 spray actuator includes a safety flap, a built-in hinge point,  
3 and a squared off forward section.

1        19.    The straight baton according to claim 18, wherein the  
2 L-shaped channel leads to a nozzle under the squared off forward  
3 section, the squared off forward section being configured to  
4 enable the spray actuator to be placed in the side handle in only  
5 one direction, and being configured to hold the spray actuator  
6 and the canister in place while inside the side handle to  
7 preclude dislodgement of the spray canister from the side handle,  
8 and the nozzle being configured to release fluid from the spray  
9 canister at a predetermined angle associated with a direction of  
10 light emitted from the light element of the baton.

1        20. The straight baton according to claim 19, wherein the  
2 safety flap of the spray actuator remains in a down position  
3 until a user flips up the safety flap to access a push button on  
4 the spray actuator, and absence of force on the safety flap  
5 results in automatic closure of the safety flap.